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"M VISAGED WAR" TRACTS YOUNG MEN

ty, Who Are Making
rt to Form Military
Company.

Entrance of several regiments
States troops into Mexico
in pursuit of the bandit
Villa, sent a wave of patri-
currying through the whole
this wave passed over and
Palatka and some of it lodg-

at chunk of it hit Capt. James
in his tenderest spot. Dill
at 18 years of his life as a
of the National Guard of
he rose from the ranks to a
y, and for four years was
of the Miami company. He
ed through the Spanish-Am-
war, and saw real service in
He was at San Juan hill, and
sevelt ride up the hill—and
e back down again.

ing has its attractions for
ll; he is running a pool room
a and a cigar stand. But
t like it as well as serving
ry. He told The News man
Uncle Samuel got into more
with Mexico and called for
n, that he was going to be
e never laid up a cent. And
it.

go back: When this wave of
a hit Palatka and caromed
ill and set his soul a shout-
war, it occurred to him that
be a good thing to form a
of the National Guard right
Palatka; he got busy, and has
at there will soon be a va-
the Second Florida regi-
which Col. A. H. Blanding of
is the commander.

anding has suggested that
form a company of Palat-
est young men for this regi-
Capt. Dill soon had a pe-
dy, addressed to Gov. Park
and Adjutant General Fos-
and for the formation of a

thirty-six young men have
ir names to this petition.
follow. Capt. Dill's name
list—so is Julian C. Cal-
Capt. J. D. Points, and
Palatka's trained citizen

may be no war work for
men, but they will find
profit in the training that
ome to them in the Na-
d.

s hopes Capt. Dill will suc-
undertaking. Several
Palatka has been on the
of such an organization,
thing has occurred to pre-
ormation. Palatka's old
Guards was a company the

MANAGER THORPE OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

Will Leave Palatka to As-
sume Charge of the
Orlando Office.

Palatkans are not going to take
kindly to the idea of losing Mr. and
Mrs. F. L. Thorpe, for the past four
years residents of this city and prom-
inent in our social and church circles.

Mr. Thorpe has been requested to
take over the management of the busi-
ness of the Southern Bell Telephone
& Telegraph Co. at Orlando, where
the exchange has double the number
of subscribers the company has in
Palatka. The change is distinctly a
promotion for Mr. Thorpe, the place
carrying a large increase of salary
and, of course, greater responsibil-
ities. He will assume his new duties
in that city on April 1st, which
means that Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe will
leave Palatka sometime next week.

During his administration of the af-
fairs of the company in this city the
business has doubled and the growth
continues. The service is also the
best, a fact that is due largely to
Mr. Thorpe's influence.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe have been ac-
tive in the social and religious life of
Palatka during the four years of their
residence, and it is in these circles
that they will be the more greatly
missed. Mrs. Thorpe has been among
the leaders in every good work for
the moral welfare of the city and
prominent in the work of the Presby-
terian church in which she has long
been the leader of the Philatheas.
She is also a member of the choir of
this church and has interested her-
self in increasing interest in musical
culture in the city. She possesses a
fine voice.

Palatka will miss these good peo-
ple, and while they must rejoice in
this business advancement, they can-
not but feel that they are paying a
big price for the privilege of such re-
joicing.

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching service next Sunday
morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by
the pastor, Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D.
Topic, "What Our Enemies Say Of
Us." At 7:30, Dr. Alford will preach
to the women of Palatka and the
Philatheas will attend in a body. The
subject will be, "Esther or the Pow-
er of Beauty." Sunday school will
assemble at 9:45 a. m. Midweek
prayer meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 p.
m. All welcome.

entire county was proud of. Let us
have another.

When enough have signed, the boys
will meet and select officers by popu-
lar vote, who will be named in the
petition. The company is to be dem-
ocratic in theory and practice.

SHERIFF GRABS THREE SLICK CONFIDENCE MEN

Who Were About to Pluck
a "Rube" from Green
Cove Springs.

Sheriff Kennerly performed a live-
ly stunt on Tuesday, when with De-
puties Howell and Minton, and Chief
of Police Livingston, he captured three
of those "smooth guy" confidence men
who blow into Florida from the north
every winter, following the crowd.

The men arrested gave their names
as H. Raymond Stout of Kentucky,
Fred Wilson of Michigan, and Har-
vey Hartwell of Pennsylvania.

The trio reached Palatka on Mon-
day, and soon after met one J. D.
Blocker of Green Cove Springs, who
was not adverse to making a little
"easy money" on the side.

The first man to meet Blocker was
the nice young man from Michigan,
who passed himself off as a son of
the proprietor of the Putnam House.
While walking about the streets they
met quite accidentally, the actor of
the trio, who posed as a simple-
minded "Dutchman," a friend of this
alleged son of the Putnam House owner.

The "Dutchman," who was desig-
nated by his co-conspirator, as a sim-
ple-minded party, soon had the man
from Green Cove matching coins, in
which game the Green Cove man won
\$2.50. The "Dutchman" wasn't satis-
fied—he still wanted to gamble, and
here the man from Michigan, who
posed as the "son," quietly informed
the Green Cove man that the "Dutch-
man" had \$1,250, and that if he, (the
man from Green Cove could raise
\$1,000 he could guarantee that they
could pluck the "Dutchman" of his
wad. It was an easy way to get the
money, and if they didn't get it some
one else would.

Blocker was out for easy money,
but he didn't have the necessary \$1,-
000 with him; he could get it in his
home town.

They made some kind of a bet.
The "Dutchman" was to wait until
Blocker could go to Green Cove
Springs and get his money. As an
evidence of good faith the "Dutch-
man" handed a package to the son of
the Putnam House owner, who was to
place it in the Hotel safe until the
return of the Green Cove man. The
three walked to the Putnam House,
and as they were going up the steps
they met, "quite accidentally" the
proprietor and father coming out.
The matter was explained to him.
He was to put the "Dutchman's"
money in the safe and hold until the
return of Blocker who was to cover it.

Mr. Blocker left immediately for
Green Cove Springs. There as he
was about to draw his money from
the bank, he told the cashier of his
"cinch." The cashier advised him to
beware; that he had better see the
sheriff. He saw that official and
then over the telephone Sheriff
King of Green Cove advised with
Sheriff Kennerly, with the result that
Blocker returned to Palatka and ap-
peared to be carrying out his plan
with the men. A counterfeit pack-
age was placed in the express office
at Green Cove addressed to Blocker,
and as Blocker and the "son" of the
Putnam House owner came from the
local office with it they were met by
Sheriff Kennerly and his lieutenants,
who placed the alleged son of the
Putnam House owner under arrest.

The other members of the gang
were waiting up on Reid street, and
when they saw their partner in the
clutches of the sheriff, they skidded.
They ran toward the Squiers mill and
under threats of death compelled a
negro with a boat to pull them across
the river. The sheriff had a hot
chase and when he arrived at the
river front the men were some dis-
tance out. He called on them to
come back, but they declined. Then
Sheriff Kennerly secured a launch and
went after them, caught them and
brought them to the city.

The capture was made about noon.
By two o'clock the trio were before
Judge Marshall charged with conspi-
racy to rob. They were a crestfallen
lunch. The "son of the Putnam
House owner" was an innocent party,
he didn't appear to know the
others, not till after he was safe in
jail. At the hearing the "Dutch-
man" of the party, who played the
simple-minded one of the party, showed
the greatest ability. He asked for
a postponement of the hearing on the
ground that they were far from home,
without money or friends, or a law-
yer. The request was postponed to
Tuesday morning of next week at 10
a. m., and the men placed under bonds
in sum of \$500 each.

Without doubt Sheriff Kennerly has
caught three of the smoothest swin-
dlers and confidence men in Florida,
a number of whom have been operat-
ing in the state all winter.

Blocker was not caught, but that
is not his fault; he would have been
had he not unbosomed himself to the
cashier of his bank. He is not much
better than the men who attempted to
pull his leg. He was quite willing
to secure the "Dutchman's" money,
by fair means or foul, preferably
foul.

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BOARD OF TRADE FEEDS ITS FACE AND SMILES

While Doctors of Business
Diagnose City's Ailments.

Nearly 100 of Palatka's business
men and members of the board of
trade banqueted at Bob James' Cafe
on Wednesday night at what has been
termed a "Booster-Roast," banquet,
or Get-together meeting.

It was about 8:30 when the crowd
filed into the cafe and were assigned
seats at tables clean and spotless and
decorated with beautiful roses and
other cut flowers. Bob James is a
booster, himself, and his heart was
in the work of catering to the comfort
of his guests. Rev. P. Q. Cason gave
the invocation.

A long center table was in the mid-
dle of the dining room, at the head
of which sat the toast-master, Judge
Julian C. Calhoun. Back of this was
another long table at which sat the
gentlemen who had organized a bur-
lesque on the city council, and who,
early in the program occupied an hour
in attending to city business. R. L.
Earnest acted as president of the
council, with the other members rep-
resented by Warner T. Hamm, Fred
Merrill, R. E. L. Mann, Morris Coch-
rane, H. P. Nerwich, Mercer Davis,
Chas. Burt, W. P. Dineen and John Q.
Tilghman. Messrs. Burt and Davis
represented the "gemmen from de
sixt wad," Davis impersonating "Spot
de mo'shun" Adams, and Burt rep-
resenting Elder Robinson. These im-
personations were clever. Secretary
Elliott acted as clerk of the board and
read several ludicrous ordinances.

This over, the toastmaster called
for short talks by a number of those
present, leading off with Col. Jas.
R. Murphy, president of the Florida
Farms & Homes, Inc., and Hon. Jas.
R. Mellon of Pittsburgh and Palatka,
who made excellent talks tending to
show the city's weaknesses and to
point the remedy, which was united
action—a getting together in harmo-
nious action for the welfare of the
city.

These gentlemen were followed by
Messrs. S. A. Parsley of Carthage,
Mo., a winter visitor, L. Cantrell, our
new county agricultural demonstrator,
W. A. Russell, Henry S. McKenzie,
Senator W. S. Wells of Tallahassee,
Hon. A. J. Angle of Tampa, candidate
for State Comptroller, Mr. Monson of
New York and Mayor W. P. Merriam.
The theme of all the speakers was:
"What's matter with Palatka?" and
all seemed to agree that a daily dose
of "Get-Together Bitters" and frequent
doses of "Push Powders" would prove
a sure cure for our "sleeping sick-
ness."

Just before the meeting closed Man-
ager Louis Kalbfeld suggested the
adoption of a slogan for the city to
inscribe on the banner of every citi-
zen—"Push Progressive Palatka." It
was adopted with a whoop-pee.

Judge Calhoun as toastmaster made
many valuable suggestions and had
opportunity to say many words which
are in the minds of the younger busi-
ness and professional men of the city,
who predominated at the gathering,
and who are going to do the bulk of
the real "pushing" from this time on
—or until they, too, go into the dis-
card like many of us old moss-backs
of the present day.

Mr. Woolley's Lecture.

John G. Woolley, LL. D., the noted
prohibition orator and statesman, de-
livered an interesting address at the
Baptist church last Monday night,
though strange to say, the attendance,
while good, was not as large as was
confidently expected.

Hon. S. J. Hilburn introduced the
speaker in a pleasing way.

Mr. Woolley spoke for more than
an hour, and every moment of the
time was filled with interest. His
speech was in the interest of the pro-
hibition amendment to the Constitu-
tion of the United States, and abounded
in witticisms spoken in a droll,
humorous vein that provoked enthusi-
astic applause and laughter. Mr.
Woolley spoke in a low voice, which
he afterward explained he did pur-
posely because of the smallness of the
room. For this reason many in the
audience failed to catch every point
made. At times he rose to heights
of impressive eloquence seldom heard
in public speakers, and his peroration
was particularly eloquent and clothed
in the choicest diction. One of his
most impressive sentences was the
following, the manner of expression
lending much to the impressiveness of
the speaker's words:

"For every reason that churches
are built, the liquor traffic ought to
die; for every reason that schools are
maintained, the liquor traffic ought to
die; for every reason that the boys
and girls ought to be given a show
for a clean life, the liquor traffic
ought to die; for every reason that
labor ought to be given a better
chance, the liquor traffic ought to die;
for every reason that houses of pros-
titution ought to be impossible, the
liquor traffic ought to die; for every
reason that the youth of the country
should be brought up to respect and
obey the law, the liquor traffic ought
to die; for every reason that politics
should be purified, the liquor traffic
ought to die—and it is going to die
if the Christian men will do their
duty."

Cooking Cuckoo.
How many cuckoos could a good
cook cook if a good cook could cook
cuckoos?

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FIRES DESTROY THREE SOUTHERN CITIES

Loss Over \$14,000,000—Aug-
usta, Nashville and
Paris, Texas.

Wednesday was a day of enormous
fire losses in the south.

Flames swept through Augusta,
Ga., in the afternoon, destroying
property estimated at over \$5,000,-
000. Twenty residences, ten business
blocks, and several warehouses were
destroyed and over 3,000 people were
made homeless. St. Pauls Episcopal
church, one of the old landmarks of
the city was completely destroyed.
The church was erected 135 years ago.

The fire department of Augusta
was unable to cope with the situation
and calls for help were sent in to the
departments in Columbia, Charleston,
Macon, Savannah and other cities.

A fire in Nashville, Tenn., also late
in the day, originated in a small
dwelling on Sixth street, was fanned
by a gale and burned a path three
blocks wide and a mile long. About
600 houses were destroyed, including
the home of the Little Sisters of the
Poor, an institution for the aged, the
Tulip street Methodist church, the
Edgfield Baptist church and many
other public structures. The Cum-
berland river separates the burned
section from the business part of
Nashville. The loss is estimated at
\$1,500,000.

At Paris, Texas, in the night before,
more than \$8,000,000 in property loss
was sustained. Eight thousand peo-
ple were rendered homeless. Over 1,
500 residences were destroyed. Aid
is being rushed to the homeless peo-
ple of Paris from all sections.

To The Business Men Of Palatka.

If at any time you have a custom-
er that you would like me to make a
special visit to for the purpose of in-
structing or assisting him in the solu-
tion of any of his farm problems, I
will consider it a personal favor if you
will inform me of the fact, and I
will take great pleasure in doing so.
At the same time, I would be glad for
said business man to accompany me to
his customer's home on such visits.

L. CANTRELL,
County Farm Demonstrator, U. S.
Dept. of Agriculture.

Mr. Stallings to Make Plans.

At the special meeting of the board
of county commissioners last Friday
a contract was awarded to Mr. Stall-
ings, city engineer of Palatka, for
making the plans and specifications for
the roads and bridges contemplated
in the recent bond issue voted by
the people of the Palatka-East Palat-
ka-San Mateo-Hastings-Orange Mills-
Federal Point and Peniel-Rice Creek
special tax road district. There were
a number of applicants for the posi-
tion and each made a bid stating the
price for which he would do the work,
but after careful consideration the
award was given to Mr. Stallings at
\$4,680.

There is one risk the successful bid-
der has to take and for which the re-
corder provides, viz., if the bonds are
sold he is to be paid for the work,
but if for any reason there is no sale
the work of the engineer is gratui-
tous. He would get nothing but wor-
ry and a certain vexation of spirit.

Benefit Recital.

A most excellent recital will be given
in the parlors of the Putnam House
Friday evening, March 31st, by Bal-
dric Vartan Guevchenian, tenor, Di-
rector of music in the John B. Stet-
son University. Mr. Guevchenian is
to give this recital for the benefit of
his countrymen, the suffering Arme-
nians, and this generous hearted re-
presentative of that country has taken
upon himself to give of his talents
for his fellowmen. Mr. Guevchenian
will give a recital that will be a gen-
uine treat to all music lovers, as his
voice has a marvelous sweetness and
power.

The professor has been heard by
a number of Palatkans and they are
all most enthusiastic in their praise
and appreciation. Let all those who
love good music and wish to help in
a most deserving cause, come and
give generously toward this work.
A silver offering will be taken. It
is hoped the parlors will be filled with
Palatka music lovers.

Prof. Guevchenian was a prominent
figure in New York music circles and
the following notice sent by that most
conservative music paper, The Musi-
cal Courier, gives a well merited
clipping. "Bading Vartan Guevchen-
ian sang in good style, songs by
Handel and Homer, showing a fine
tenor voice and superior vocal train-
ing. He was well received and hear-
tily encored."

MEXICAN SITUATION BECOMING COMPLEX

Two Thousand Carranza
Troops Desert to Villa.

Gen. Funston on Wednesday re-
ceived from Gen. Pershing the first
report from the front in sixty hours.
It came from Casas Grandes, and the
only reference made to the operations
of Villa was that Villista and Carran-
za troops had been engaged Monday
near Namaquipa.

Reports that Gen. Luis Herrera,
commanding 2,000 men at Chihuahua,
had aligned himself with Francisco
Villa against the United States, were
received that night with grave con-
cern by Gen. Funston and his staff.
Officially and unofficially, the opin-
ion at the Funston headquarters was
that with Herrera joining forces with
Villa, the international situation might
easily be made so complex that by
comparison the pursuit of Villa would
be regarded as incidental.

In Washington it is thought the re-
bellion in Carranza's army would ren-
der the position of the American ex-
peditionary force so perilous that ev-
ery available soldier would be rushed
to reinforce the advancing columns.
For the purpose not more than about
15,000 men would be available with-
out calling out the National Guard.
There are now on the border or in
Mexico in the neighborhood of 25,-
000 soldiers, and in the whole of the
continental forces number only a lit-
tle more than 5,000.

All reports from the border were
sent to the White House last night and
were the subject of a long conference
between President Wilson and Secre-
tary Baker. Afterward Mr. Baker
declined to talk.

Now, Help in This.

The Palatka public school wants a
Victrola, and the children are plan-
ning to get it.

As one of them said to The News,
"Please tell the people to begin to
save their money for the 'Stunt
Night' and help the Palatka public
school to get a Victrola. We will
promise a good night's fun for only
25 cents. Each grade will furnish
one short 'stunt.' We have long
wanted and felt the need of a Victrola,
so to do so we want the people to
come out, enjoy a pleasant evening
and help their school to this extent.
The date of the entertainment will be
advertised later."

Jack Becks Makes a "Kick."

To the Public:

It has come to me through reliable
parties that certain people in this dis-
trict are trying to injure me political-
ly and in a business way by circu-
lating false and malicious reports.
They have been telling on the streets
that I had charge, or supervised the
work of building the Putnam county
Court House, and are pointing to the
wretched work on that building and
its deplorable condition as some of my
work. These men know, or ought to
know, that I had nothing whatever to
do with the building of the court
house, and that I have never received
a penny from the construction of that
building, in any shape or form. It is
indeed strange that when a man
comes up for office that some one has
to go and manufacture untruths con-
cerning him. Such men are too low
to notice, though I am constrained to
notice this malicious report because
of the many who are here now who
were not here when the court house
was built, and who, therefore, might
be influenced against me.

P. J. BECKS.

(Adv.-1 t.)



CLYDE POULTER

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Who will give an entertainment in this
City on the evening of April
6th.

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